

at the Zapata County Public Library to residents of the community. It is said of Mr. Gutierrez's involvement with the Zapata County News by his fellow peers that "Adan has a conversation with Zapata County every Thursday morning and we really enjoy it." One can only wish to have the extent of local community impact that Mr. Gutierrez has and I commend him for it.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had this time to recognize Mr. Adan Gutierrez.

HONORING ROUND ROCK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the successes and achievements of the Round Rock Christian Academy located in Round Rock, Texas. Established in 1975, the Round Rock Christian Academy exemplifies excellence in education and moral character development. It continues to produce outstanding young adults imbued with the high Christian values through active participation in intellectual, physical, spiritual, and social activities.

The Round Rock Christian Academy maintains a low student-to-teacher ratio and demands significant teaching experience and high standards from its teachers. As evidence to the impact of its high teaching and moral standards, since its inception, the academy has produced numerous National Merit Scholars and its students consistently test two grades above the national average. The academy possesses a strong parent education program and ranks among the very best in athletics and fine arts programs.

In fact, as testimony to the success of the Round Rock Christian Academy's faculty and family support, 100 percent of the graduating seniors of the Class of 2006 are college bound. This is truly a commendable achievement for any school and speaks volumes of the dedication that the Round Rock Christian Academy has toward the future of its students and the future of the next generation citizens of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during rollcall vote No. 465 on September 21, 2006.

On rollcall vote No. 465, I would have voted "no".

REMEMBERING THE HONORABLE JOEL T. BROYHILL

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I come to the House floor today to share some sad news.

One of Virginia's great public servants—former 10th District Congressman Joel T. Broyhill, a resident of Arlington, Virginia—died this past weekend.

It could be said that this region of Virginia was shaped in many ways by the life of Congressman Broyhill. He laid the foundation for major transportation projects, including the Metrorail system, Washington Dulles International Airport, and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

Congressman Broyhill dedicated most of his life to serving his country. He was born in Hopewell, Virginia, on November 4, 1919. He attended Fork Union Military Academy and then attended George Washington University. He also received an honorary doctorate degree from Georgetown University.

Mr. Broyhill worked at his father's real estate company, M.T. Broyhill & Sons, which was a business his family began in Hopewell. The family later relocated to northern Virginia when Congressman Broyhill was growing up.

Before coming to Congress, Congressman Broyhill had a distinguished military career in the U.S. Army. He entered the U.S. Army in 1942 as an enlisted man and served in the European Theater during World War II in the 106th Infantry Division.

He fought in the Battle of the Bulge at the age of 25 and was taken prisoner and held in a German POW camp. After six months in captivity, he saw a chance to escape. He and another American soldier hid under some hay in a barn, hoping that the Germans would not come through the barn looking for them and thrusting their bayonets into the hay. Fortunately, the Germans did not find them, and Mr. Broyhill made his escape. He rejoined advancing American forces and was released from active duty in 1945 as a captain of infantry.

After the war, he resumed his family's real estate pursuits and in 1952, the same year that President Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected, Mr. Broyhill was elected to the 83rd Congress from the 10th District of Virginia and to the 10 succeeding Congresses, serving for 22 years.

I feel a special connection with Mr. Broyhill because I represent Virginia's 10th District today. Although the district has gone through a number of changes over the years, it was Congressman Broyhill who led the way. He was the first Member of Congress to represent the 10th District, Virginia's newest congressional district at that time.

He began his congressional career and service as a member of the House committees on Post Office and Civil Service and the District of Columbia, and later became a member of the Ways and Means Committee. Congressman Broyhill was known for being a strong advocate for Federal and postal workers and for the postal service.

It was appropriate that in the year 2000, Congress passed legislation I introduced which was signed into law naming the central mail processing facility for Northern Virginia in Merrifield in honor of Joel T. Broyhill.

Congressman Broyhill served the people of Virginia honorably and was especially known for the way he took care of his constituents' needs. According to the Almanac of American Politics in 1972, and I quote, "There were few offices that took care of constituents' needs and complaints with more efficiency." Mr. Broyhill estimated that he had helped more

than 100,000 residents of Virginia's 10th District during his more than 20 years in office. I still hear people today say "Congressman Broyhill helped me."

The almanac also describes Congressman Broyhill as one who, and I quote, "should be credited with voting his conscience."

We salute today the life and dedicated public service of Joel T. Broyhill and offer our condolences to his three daughters, Nancy, Jeanne and Jane Anne; his stepdaughter, Kimi, and his wife of 25 years, Suzanne (Suzy). He also has four grandchildren: Meredith and Maureen, who are fraternal twins; Lindsey, and Kathleen, and three great-grandchildren: Molly, Jack, and Kara.

TRIBUTE TO FORT LEONARD WOOD AND PULASKI COUNTY, MISSOURI

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to recognize the people of Fort Leonard Wood and Pulaski County, Missouri, for their commitment to improving the quality of life for military personnel.

In a recent study conducted by Expansion Management magazine and the Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Military Communities and Family Policy, Fort Leonard Wood and Pulaski County ranked third among 126 civilian communities in the quality of life that they provide to military families. The "2006 Military Communities of Excellence" study compared the quality of life among these civilian communities in areas that include: public schools, housing affordability, standard of living, recreation and leisure, health care, crime and safety, spouse employment opportunities, continuing educational opportunities, affordable childcare, traffic and commuting, commercial air service, and Department of Defense Quality of Life legislative issues. It is also worth noting that Pulaski County placed third in the "Top 10 Metros Overall Quality of Life, Communities with Military Populations over 20,000".

Mr. Speaker, Fort Leonard Wood and Pulaski County, Missouri have dedicated valuable resources and time to earn this recognition. I know the Members of House will join me in recognizing this outstanding achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS CORPORATION REAUTHORIZA- TION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation on behalf of America's veterans seeking to start and operate their own businesses.

Along with my colleagues Mr. EVANS from Illinois and Ms. HERSETH from South Dakota, I offer The Veterans Corporation Reauthorization and Enhancement Act of 2006 to ensure

our veterans have access to the training, the assistance, and the capital to start and manage a business.

Congress passed The Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 establishing the National Veterans Business Development Corporation to provide all of these crucial aspects of entrepreneurship to veterans.

As a result of that landmark legislation, the Veterans Corporation has provided training to over 8,000 veterans and has helped over 550 veterans start businesses during 2006 alone.

Unfortunately, Congress has yet to reauthorize the Veterans Corporation, leaving its funding in question each year.

It was an honor to offer an amendment to the Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2007 (H.R. 5672) in June increasing its funding to \$1.5 million for the next fiscal year.

Now, I join with Mr. EVANS and Ms. HERSETH to introduce legislation ensuring funding for this worthy program through 2012.

By passing this legislation, we can make sure our brave service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan will have access to entrepreneurship training.

Those who are courageously fighting abroad deserve the opportunity to start a business and achieve that aspect of the American Dream.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you to act on this legislation and encourage business ownership for veterans.

COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 21, 2006

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to call on my colleagues in Congress to refocus their efforts on comprehensive immigration reform. What we need is not to debate and pass a bunch of bills that duplicate legislation already passed by the House—legislation that has little chance of passage in the Senate. What we need is to get back on track with what the bipartisan 9/11 Commission has repeatedly called for—comprehensive immigration reform. Only when we enact comprehensive reform will we be truly effective in securing our Nation's borders.

Today we are considering three bills, which do little to fix our Nation's illegal immigration problems. We need to do more, and we need to do it in a sensible, bipartisan and comprehensive fashion. The American people expect Congress to secure our borders, and that extends to understanding who currently resides in our country and why they are here. Just as importantly, in considering border security legislation, we need to focus on securing weapons of mass destruction to ensure they do not make their way through our ports of entry. I find it redundant and unnecessary that we are going back to consider legislation that has already been passed by this body when there is so much unfinished business we ought to be focusing on.

We need to focus on "smart security" and develop a comprehensive plan. I continue to

support the Kolbe-Flake-Gutierrez bill, which is a broad and multi-faceted approach to securing our borders. Under this legislation, we would hire and train more border patrol agents to secure our borders, improve our surveillance technology, and require employers to verify the status of their employees. This proactive approach ensures we keep those wishing to harm us out of our country and allows us to ascertain precisely who is in our country and why they are here.

We also need to refocus our efforts on monitoring exactly which materials come through our borders. As the lead Democrat on the Subcommittee for the Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, I have called for the installation of radiation portal monitors at designated ports of entry to screen all inbound cargo for radiological or nuclear materials. I am dedicated to ensuring we have this important technology at every entry point.

However, instead of addressing these real problems, the Republican leadership has chosen to bring up legislation that we have already passed—not because they want a solution to our immigration problem, but because they need to distract the American public from their inability to accomplish any real reforms. My Democratic colleagues and I have fought for increased funding for more border patrol agents, detention beds, and immigration and customs agents, but Republicans have voted against those efforts 10 times.

I call on my colleagues to refocus their efforts to enact a comprehensive immigration plan. Time in the 109th Congress is quickly running out, and we are doing our country a disservice when we focus on political rhetoric instead of real solutions. It is time to get back on track with what the bipartisan 9/11 Commission has tasked us with—comprehensive reform.

HONORING THE LIFE OF REV. J. BAZZEL MULL

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 25, 2006

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, Rev. J. Bazzel Mull, a true Tennessee legend and Southern gospel icon, passed away on September 5 at the age of 91.

Just five days later, he and his beloved wife, Elizabeth, would have celebrated their 62nd anniversary.

No couple could have been more loyal to each other than they were, and Rev. Mull's most famous line was "ain't that right, Mrs. Mull?"

Rev. Mull served God and the people of East Tennessee throughout his life.

He brought enjoyment to millions through his television programs, his radio stations, and his live gospel music shows.

Through all this, as well as his personal testimony, cheerfully overcoming blindness, he led countless numbers to a closer walk with Jesus Christ.

He had a great sense of humor and once told me on his TV program that no one should be a mugwump. He said that was "a fellow with his mug on one side of the fence and his wump on the other."

This Nation is a better place today because of the life of Rev. J. Bazzel Mull.

I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD the story by Doug Mason which was published in the Knoxville News Sentinel on September 6.

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SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC ICON DIES AT 91

(By Doug Mason)

"Ain't that right, Mizz Mull?"

The Rev. J. Bazzel Mull, who died Tuesday at age 91, may be the most quoted man in East Tennessee.

For 60 years, his gravel-truck voice was a staple of regional radio and TV, and his familiar query to his wife and "Mull Singing Convention" co-host was a much-mimicked catchphrase to generations of East Tennesseans.

Elizabeth Mull was best known as "Mizz Mull" or "Lady Mull" to listeners of the "Mull Singing Convention" broadcasts. The couple would have celebrated their 62nd anniversary on Sunday.

J. Bazzel Mull (the "J" stood for Jacob) was born Oct. 4, 1914, in Burke County, N.C. He began preaching in 1939 and moved to Knoxville in 1942, where he began a radio program on radio station WROL-AM. Later, he was heard on WNOX-AM.

The Rev. Mull owned several East Tennessee radio stations during his long career. At the time of his death, he was the owner of gospel radio station WJBZ, Praise 96.3, in Knoxville.

"The Mull Singing Convention," which moved to television in 1956, is still broadcast at 7 a.m. Sundays on WVLTV, Channel 8. The program was seen on WBIR, Channel 10, before moving a few years ago to WVLTV.

"The Mull Singing Convention" celebrated its 50th anniversary in August. The Rev. Mull's grandson, Doug Hutchison, said the program is confirmed as the longest-running locally produced television show in the United States.

Elizabeth Mull and daughter Charlotte Mull Hutchison now host the program. The Rev. Mull withdrew from the TV show, and from his Sunday evening preaching service on WJBZ, after suffering a stroke about nine months ago.

Hutchison said his grandfather's stroke brought on dementia. Several other strokes followed, including one about a week and a half ago that left the Rev. Mull unresponsive. He was moved from the hospital to a nursing home, where he died at 4:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The Rev. Mull was a businessman who promoted Southern gospel music concerts and published and distributed a series of six "Mull's Singing Convention" songbooks. The latest hymnal was published as "Number 7" in the series, even though it followed edition No. 5.

"He didn't like the number 6," said Hutchison, who explained that he doesn't know why (perhaps it was because 666 is the biblical Mark of the Beast).

"For a blind man to achieve as much as he did, he was bound to have some eccentricities," said Hutchison, who manages WJBZ and the other Mull family enterprises.

The Rev. Mull lost his sight at 11 months old, the result of falling into an open-pit fire. "Through his 20s he could tell daylight from dark," Hutchison said. "But from his early 30s on, he was completely blind."

Hutchison said that many people didn't realize his grandfather was blind. In public, he wore oversized glasses with thick lenses—possibly to obscure the fact that he often had his eyelids closed during his TV broadcasts, Hutchison theorized.

"He was never one to bring to the forefront his handicap," the grandson said. "I talk to people still today that did not know he was blind."